

House Resolution 443

By: Representatives Dollar of the 45th and Parsons of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of Phyllis Heller and dedicating a bridge in her memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Phyllis Heller, a Marietta resident, passed away April 18, 2007, after a four year
4 fight with an incurable blood cancer called multiple myeloma; and

5 WHEREAS, she was a heroic woman of many talents; and

6 WHEREAS, she was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and she attended Boston University
7 School of Music where she majored in bassoon; and

8 WHEREAS, when Carl Orff's Carmina Burana premiered in this country on November 19,
9 1954, at Carnegie Hall under the baton of Leopold Stokowski, Phyllis Heller was the first
10 chair bassoonist; and

11 WHEREAS, she had a lifelong passion for the arts and visited hundreds of museums around
12 the world; and

13 WHEREAS, in the 1990's she took up stained glass artwork and quickly became highly
14 regarded for her intricate, large-scale designs including full-sized doors and room valances;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Heller was the Chairwoman of Sculpture Internationale, the largest
17 international fine arts sculpture exposition in the United States, which took place in 2002 at
18 Cobb Galleria, and she later went on to help fund and organize the Digital Fine Arts
19 Museum; and

20 WHEREAS, throughout her career she enjoyed exploring different cultures and societies, and
21 she was a principal in a firm which developed and produced export promotion shows for

22 American manufacturers around the world, and in the process, she visited and produced
23 expositions in more than 40 countries and on every continent except Antarctica; and

24 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the life of Phyllis Heller be celebrated and that
25 a lasting tribute to her memory be established.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
27 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the memory of Phyllis Heller and dedicate
28 the bridge on SR 120 over Willeo Creek in Cobb County as the Phyllis Heller Memorial
29 Bridge.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Phyllis Heller Memorial
32 Bridge.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Phyllis Heller
35 and to the Department of Transportation.